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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

**I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees**

☒ A. This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, or within three months of entry into the national stage, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), consideration of this information disclosure statement does not require a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Assistant Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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☐ 2. Applicants hereby state that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

☐ 3. Applicants hereby state that no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56 more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

☐ C. This information disclosure statement is being filed after the period specified in B above, but on or before the payment of the issue fee. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), consideration of this information disclosure statement requires a petition, which Applicants hereby request, and payment of the petition fee, which is set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i), and which the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 14-1263. Consideration of this information disclosure statement also requires a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e):

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## **II. Copies of Listed References**

☐ A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

☒ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report and/or cited in the specification. The copies of the references listed on the attached International Search Report are in this national stage file. Copies of the references cited in the specification are attached.

## **III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.

☒ B. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are referred to in the specification and/or were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

The Examiner will note that English language counterparts or Abstracts of non-English language references are also enclosed, as follows:

EP0 826 698 A1 – Abstract provided

EP 0 824 111 A1 - Abstract provided – Corresponds to US 6,114,482

EP 0 850 957 A1 - Abstract provided – Corresponds to US 5,854,364

EP 0 841 346 A1 - Abstract provided – Corresponds to US 5,811,500

EP 0 824 110 A1 - Abstract provided – Corresponds to US 5,767,210

WO 96/24620 – Corresponds to US 6,255,448

☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.

☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

#### **IV. Additional Information**

☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

[Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not being submitted.]

☐ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US - 5,789,487	Aug. 4, 1998	Matyjaszewski et al	
	AB	US - 5,945,491	Aug. 31, 1999	Matyjaszewski et al	
	AC	US - 5,854,364	Dec. 29, 1998	Senninger et al	
	AD	US - 4,581,429	Apr. 8, 1986	Solomon et al	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AE	EP 0 735 052 A3	Oct. 2, 1996	Xerox Corporation		✓
	AF	WO 98/13392	Apr. 2, 1998	Akzo Nobel		✓
	AG	EP 0 826 698 A1	Mar. 4, 1998	Elf Atochem SA		✓
	AH	EP 0 824 111 A1	Feb. 18, 1998	Elf Atochem SA		✓
	AI	EP 0 850 957 A1	Jul. 1, 1998	Elf Atochem SA		✓
	AJ	EP 0 841 346 A1	May 13, 1998	Elf Atochem SA		✓
	AK A	EP 0 824 110 A1	Feb. 18, 1998	Elf Atochem SA		✓
	AL	EP 0 735 052 A3	Oct. 2, 1996	Xerox Corporation		
	AM	WO 98/44008	Oct. 8, 1998	The B.F. Goodrich Company		
	AN	WO 96/24620	Aug. 15, 1996	Elf Atochem SA		
	AO	WO 02/066570	Aug. 29, 2002	Sony Chemicals Corp.	Relevant to claims 1,3,6, & 7	
	AP	JP 10 152658	Jun. 9, 1998	Pora Techno KK	Relevant to claims 1 & 7	
	AQ	EP 1 211 298 A	Jun. 5, 2002	Nitto Denko Corp.	Relevant to claims 1 & 7	

**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>6</sup>
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